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STATE OF MONTANA,) Cause No. DC-20-531
Plaintiff,) Missoula County District Court
-vs-) Montana Fourth Judicial District
CHRISTOPHER THOMAS HILL,	DECISION
Defendant.)

On February 2, 2021, the Defendant was sentenced as follows: <u>Count I</u>: Ten (10) years to the Montana State Prison, for the offense of Criminal Endangerment, a felony, in violation of §45-5-207, MCA; and <u>Count II</u>: One (1) year at Missoula County Detention Facility, for the offense of Driving Under the Influence of Alcohol or Drugs – 3rd Offense, a felony, in violation of §61-8-401(1)(a)[3rd], MCA. The sentences in Counts I and II were ordered to run concurrently with each other and consecutive to all other matters.

The Defendant was given credit for time served in the amount of one hundred forty-four (144) days. The Defendant was ordered to pay restitution in the amount of \$734.35.

On February 10, 2022, the Defendant's Application for review of that sentence came on for hearing by Zoom videoconference before the Sentence Review Division of the Montana Supreme Court (hereafter "the Division"). The Defendant appeared from the Crossroads Correctional Center and was represented by Tyler Duggar, Defense Counsel. The State was not represented.

Before hearing the Application, the Defendant was advised that the Division has the authority not only to reduce the sentence or affirm it, but also increase it. The Defendant was further advised that there is no appeal from a decision of the Division. The Defendant acknowledged that he understood this and stated that he wished to proceed. The Defendant gave a statement.

Rule 12, Rules of the Sentence Review Division of the Supreme Court of Montana, provides that, "The sentence imposed by the District Court is presumed correct. The sentence shall

not be reduced or increased unless it is clearly inadequate or clearly excessive." (Section 46-18-904(3), MCA).

The Division finds that the reasons advanced for modification are insufficient to hold that the sentence imposed by the District Court is clearly inadequate or clearly excessive.

Therefore, it is the unanimous decision of the Division that the sentence is AFFIRMED.

DATED this 21st day of February, 2022.

SENTENCE REVIEW DIVISION

Hon. Jessica Fehr, Chair

Hon, Dan Wilson, Member

Hon. Luk Berger, Member

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